

Signs you need to change your car tyres - keep the Gold Coast safe

Just like everything else in life tyres have a shelf life - they do not last forever, even if you do not use them very much. Tyres get old, they get tired and when that happens they get extremely dangerous.

So how do you know when it is time to change your car tyres to keep the Gold Coast a safer place to drive? What are the warning signs?

Well, here are some of the warning signs you should not ignore:

Low tread - if your tyres have lost a significant amount of tread depth it's time to dump them. Tyres are manufactured with a tread wear bar - if there is plenty of wear left on your tyres you won't see them but when they become visible you know it's time for a change.

Sidewall cracks - if a tyre has cracks along the side wall you should also start to think about changing them. It doesn't matter how much you paid for the tyres, even the most expensive of them can get cracks and when it happens it's time for a change. These cracks are due to a break down in the chemicals and oils used in the rubber compound and show that the tyre is losing its tightness and efficiency and could give way at any point.

Slits and blisters - are another pretty obvious sign that it's time to change your tyres. Slits and fissures are very dangerous because they allow the air to escape and the tyre will eventually lose pressure and deflate.

Vibration - if your car begins to vibrate more than usual when you drive at speed it could be because of your tyres. The most likely cause is some sort of balancing or alignment issue. Not only can this vibration be a real nuisance it can also lead to accidents.

Age - tyres have a shelf life and will begin to show signs of wear and tear plus surface damage after a pre-specified amount of time. This time is usually up after around the five year mark. Before you buy new tyres check the date of manufacture.

Do these checks every couple of weeks to be on the safe side and when you do notice any signs of wear and tear get them changed as quickly as you can. Don't risk driving on damaged car tyres - keep the Gold Coast safe and switch them for newer, safer tyres.